

**Staff Economist
Personal Services Contractor (PSC) Opportunity**

Department of Policy & Evaluation

1. Introduction

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a United States government-owned corporation responsible for the stewardship of the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA). MCC works with developing countries to promote sustainable economic growth to reduce poverty. One of MCC's guiding principles is a focus on measurable results. Prior to signing a compact, MCC conducts cost-benefit analysis to assess the proposed projects' likely economic impact and cost-effectiveness. MCC also analyzes the likely poverty and distributional impacts of proposed projects as part of a beneficiary analysis. During and after the compact is implemented, MCC conducts rigorous impact evaluations that seek to quantify the projects' actual impact on poverty. MCC strives for transparency in all of its programs and posts many of these analyses on the agency's public website.

2. Scope

The Economic Analysis Division of the MCC's Department of Policy & Evaluation (DPE) is seeking an intermittent Personal Services Contractor (PSC) to serve as a Staff Economist at its MCC headquarters in Washington, DC. A Staff Economist is junior-level professional expected to possess a solid background in development economics and statistics and an understanding of benefit-cost analysis and impact evaluation. The Staff Economist will work in collaboration with MCC economists and technical specialists under the direction of MCC's Chief Economist. The PSC also will work as a member of the DPE team in cooperation with other MCC staff.

3. Duties

Duties will include (but are not limited to):

- Participate in MCC's economic peer review process by providing technical feedback on economic rate of return (ERR) spreadsheets and assisting in sensitivity analysis
- Research economic issues related to MCC's investments or participation in interagency initiatives
- Conduct beneficiary analysis by using Stata to analyze national household surveys and assess the likely poverty and distributional impacts of proposed projects
- Depending on the Division's needs, assist in preparing ERR spreadsheets, beneficiary analysis or impact evaluation data and documentation for web posting
- Conduct research and analysis in support of other activities within the Economic Analysis Division

4. Evaluation Criteria

- Minimum master's degree or PhD coursework in economics, public policy or related field; recent PhD preferred
- Demonstrated knowledge of development economics, statistics and econometrics
- Understanding of benefit-cost analysis, survey analysis and impact evaluation methods
- Experience in the field of economic development or economic research
- Strong knowledge of Microsoft Excel, including macro programming capabilities
- Knowledge of Stata, particularly survey analysis tools
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to discuss complex economic and policy issues orally and in writing

The initial period of performance for this intermittent/part time PSC contract is twelve months, plus options for four twelve month periods. Maximum number of hours is 1,664 hours per year. This position is limited to U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents with 5 years residency history due to the security background clearance required.

5. How to Apply

Interested parties should submit by email to recruitment@mcc.gov the following package: 1) Curriculum Vitae, 2) a brief cover letter that addresses the desired qualifications and provides three professional or academic references, and 3) brief salary history and fully loaded hourly salary rate requirement including fringe benefits. Please include "Staff Economist" in the subject line of your email. The announcement is open continuously until the position is filled.